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# WTH Levee Project May Lose \$332,000 U.S. Grant

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The Corps of Engineers in Washington, D. C., said Monday it revoked more than five years ago a \$332,000 federal grant for construction of a levee to protect West Terre Haute from flooding Wabash River waters.

However, two officials here connected with the levee project said they understood the money is still available and it is a problem of having funds transferred.

A spokesman for the Corps in Washington said revocation means the \$332,000 is no longer available.

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Gil Bedino, president of the West Terre Haute Levee Association, and Dr. B. K. Barton, executive director of the Wabash Valley Interstate Commission, both indicated they have not been so informed by regional Corps of Engineer spokesmen, although they have been in touch with them recently.

Meantime, Sen. Birch E. Bayh (D-Ind.) and Rep. John T. Myers (R-Ind.), the 7th District congressman, were looking into the matter.

Myers urged the House and

Senate Appropriation Committee to vote the project at least enough money to enable construction to begin sometime this summer.

If the Corps' Washington, D.C., office is correct in maintaining that the money has been revoked and is no longer available, it will be a hard blow to the West Terre Haute Levee Association, a private group that has labored nearly a decade to keep West Terre Haute above water.

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The Washington, D.C. office reported further discouraging news the total project cost in the last five years has skyrocketed from \$705,000 to \$990,000, mainly because of increased labor costs.

When asked why the local grove had not been informed earlier of the revocation, the Washington, D.C., office said the West Terre Haute Levee Association was not ready to use the money at the time. It did not appear necessary, therefore, that the local group be told the money was no longer available, the office said.

The announcement by the Corps of Engineers office came on the heels of a right-of-way

agreement between the Levee Association and the Penn Central. The right-of-way matter was thought to be the final snag holding up construction.

If the money appropriated earlier by Congress is in fact no longer available, prospects of having the funds restored at this time are bleak indeed, with the White House asking a \$10 billion tax increase in exchange for a \$10 billion budget cost, and with the war in Vietnam going on.

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The \$332,000 grant was approved in fiscal 1962, when it appeared all obstacles to construction had been surmounted. A delay developed with the right-of-way negotiations and minor engineering problems, however, and the Corps of Engineers says that was when the funds were revoked.

It said it will cost \$870,000 to carry the levee project through to completion, but it added that the Corps has the manpower and time to do only \$700,000 of work in the coming fiscal year, no matter how much is appropriated or restored. That, also, was not good news for West Terre Haute.

The levee is designed to protect 440 acres and more than 3,000 residents of the town from floods. Floods have weakened the old Sugar Creek Levee, which afforded only limited protection when it was new.

The flood-control structure would be an earthen wall 10,115 feet long and a concrete wall 845 feet long. The levee would be 36 feet wide at the base and 12 feet at the top, which would be three feet higher than the 31.2-foot flood stage reached in the devastating flood of 1913.

The West Terre Haute Levee Association started planning the project in 1959, receiving \$119,000 for initial costs. The levee is to be financed by federal and local funds and is to be maintained after completion by the local Levee Association.



# <sup>W. T. Haute</sup> <sup>T.H. Stark 6/6/68</sup> 'Y' Eyesore Becomes Triangle Of Bareness

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West Terre Haute residents breathed easier Wednesday.

The "Y" dump, located at the eastern edge of West Terre Haute and a landmark in its own right, was laid to rest with a final, ceremonial shovelful of dirt.

Health Department officials, county councilmen, county commissioners, town residents and West Terre Haute Jaycees who initiated the drive to close the dump were on hand.

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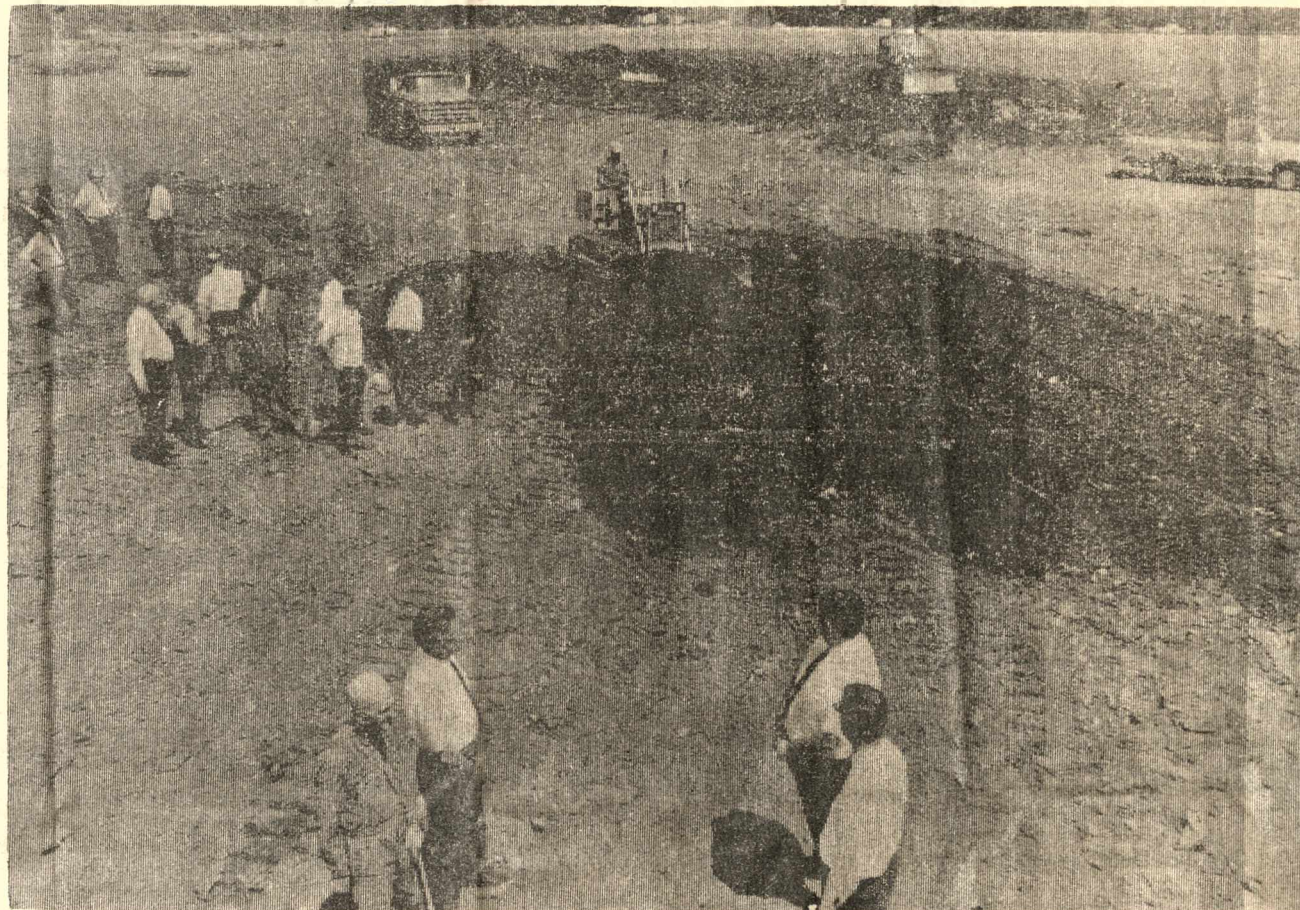
The occasion brought forth no expressions of nostalgia — not even from 88-year-old Charlie Johnson, who for 16 years worked as a clean-up man and who is now without a job.

The dump, bordered on the south by U.S. 40 and on the north by Paris Avenue on the east side of town, served for about a half a century as source of air pollution and as a breeding ground for mosquitoes and rats.

Johnson said he is going to retire and take it easy, and the county commissioners talked informally of making the triangle of land a park. No decisions were reached, however, since the property is privately owned.

Luther Selvia, owner of nearby Selvia Beverage Distributors, Inc., called out a truck

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**CLOSING OF 'Y' DUMP RATES A CELEBRATION**—County officials and West Terre Haute residents came out Wednesday for the closing of the "Y" dump, a long standing health hazard and eyesore. Looking on in the foreground left are Charles Johnson, for 16 years a caretaker at the dump, and County Council President William Diehl and, right, Dave Johnston and Bill Selvia of the West Terre Haute Jaycees. Crowd in background included Dr. Bertram Duckwall and Paul Welch of the Health Department, county councilmen and county commissioners. (Photo by Kadel)





**TELLING IT LIKE IT WAS**—The "Y" dump at the edge of West Terre Haute three years ago was a source of air pollution and a breeding ground for rats and mosquitoes. The blighted area was something of a landmark when the West Terre Haute Jaycees launched their clean-up program. The County Health Department started a landfill operation at the dump site, which resulted Wednesday in the elimination of a smoking, festering hazard.

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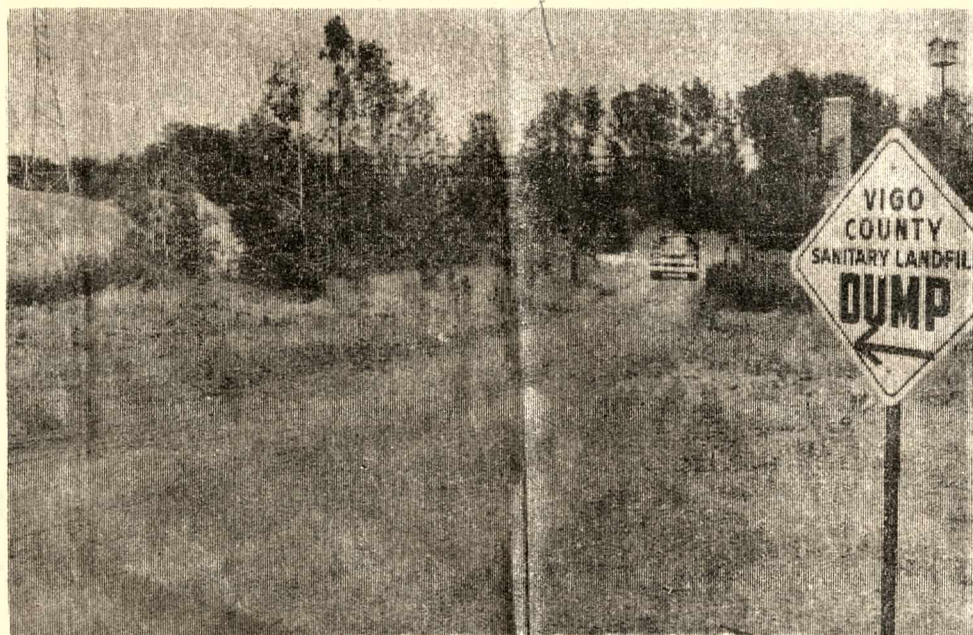
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They supplied the labor while the politicians supplied the talk. Equipment and supplies were donated by Haley Bros. Construction Co., Gibson Coal Co., Blue Ribbon Coal Co., Southard Construction Co., Public Service Indiana and Panke Machinery Co.

They went ahead with the clean-up job while former Mayor Ralph Tucker and a State Health Department official speculated and theorized whether a landfill operation would work at the site. They

decided it would not, but the newly organized County Health Department later decided otherwise.



**'Y' DUMP'S REPLACEMENT**—A landfill operation by the County Health Department near Whitcomb Heights will take the place of the eyesore dump at the "Y" near West Terre Haute. The West Terre Haute dump was closed Wednesday by county officials. (Photo by Kadel)



# West Terre Haute Has Long, Colorful History

By DICK SUTLIFF

Tribune Staff Writer

McQuilkinsville, Mac'sville, Macksville, Maxville, West Terre Haute—

The name of the "town across the river" from Terre Haute isn't the only thing about West Terre Haute that has undergone dramatic changes since the birth of the community in the early years of the 19th Century.

West Terre Haute, now the hub of activity in Sugar Creek Township, once held promise of surpassing Terre Haute in its business and industrial development, but somehow, fate saw to it that such was not the case.

However, West Terre Haute residents are quick to point out features that many towns of its size, and some larger communities, would be pleased to count among their blessings.

The crime rate in West Terre Haute is relatively low. There are two fire departments in the community. A new post office and branch bank grace the downtown area. And the streets are comparatively free of automobile accidents.

## Pushing for Levee

The West Vigo Levee Association is still pushing for a new dike to protect the town from the ravages of Sugar Creek during periods of excessive rainfall. An extension of the community's storm sewer system also is in the works.

There's talk of a new elementary school to be built within the next few years, replacing the present North, South and Central elementary schools. The town has one community playground in operation, and another being developed.

John A. Scott, the energetic president of the town board of West Terre Haute, credits the community's three service clubs — Rotary, Jaycees and Optimists — with spreadheading projects for improving the town.

There are about 70 businesses in West Terre Haute. About a dozen churches are located either in or near the town. Scott says residents like to live in West Terre Haute because it has the charm of a small town, and yet all the advantages of living in a city.

Enrollment at the three public elementary schools for this school year is 640 students. The North School has 323 pupils, Central 174 and South 143. St. Leonard's Roman Catholic elementary school has 40 pupils.

Other elementary schools in the West Terre Haute area include Consolidated with an enrollment of 362 pupils, and the Dresser School with 83 pupils. Concannon Junior High School has 422 pupils, while West Vigo High School boasts an enrollment of 896 pupils.

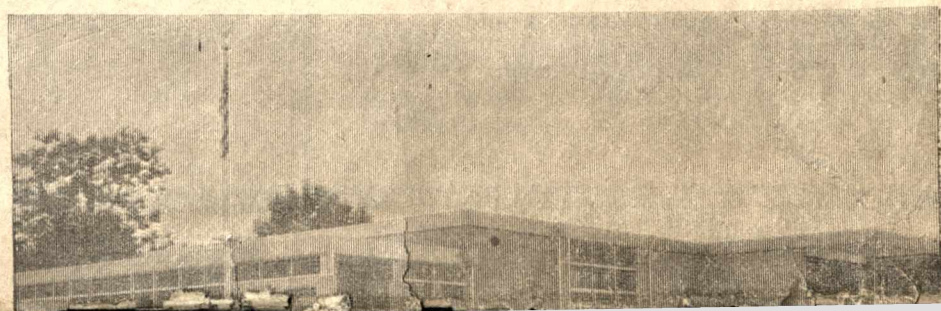
## New Structures



**WEST TERRE HAUTE BUSINESS DISTRICT**—This is a view of National Ave. (U. S. Highway 40), looking east from the 700 block in West Terre Haute. U. S. Highway 150, which winds its way to Paris, Ill., and points northwest, also serves the community. Photo by Martin.



**WEST TERRE HAUTE BRANCH BANK**—One of the newest buildings in West Terre Haute is the full-service drive-in branch of the Terre Haute First National Bank. The bank and the post office in the rear handle most of the mail and financial matters of Sugar Creek Township residents. Photo by Martin.



cal records show there were only 250 residents in West Terre Haute in 1880.

But by 1910, the population had increased to 3,083, nearly five times the number of residents 10 years earlier. The all-time population high for the community was 4,310 in the 1920 census.

Coal mining was responsible for the boom in West Terre Haute in the early part of this century. Other valuable resources were clay, shale and gravel, and at one time, vegetable gardening was the leading industry.

Considerable light is shed on the early years of West Terre Haute in the "First Directory of West Terre Haute, Indiana," published in 1906. (It's available to patrons of the West Terre Haute branch library.)

The directory indicates there were 11 coal mines in the area in 1906 with a total average daily output of 2,000 tons. Daily wages were about \$1,750. Four clay product plants employed 200 men with total weekly wages amounting to about \$3,000. The plants produced common building brick, paving brick, drain tile, sewer pipe and related materials.

The Terre Haute Brick and Pipe Co. built the first factory in West Terre Haute, in 1894. It was known as the Vitrified Brick Co. Later, the Vigo Clay Co., National Drain Tile Co. and the Miller Brick Co. constructed plants.

Business houses sprang up in large numbers about the turn of the century. With the construction of the Wabash River bridge, West Terre Haute took on a new life. The bridge was completed in 1905 at a cost of \$271,000.

Of the life and times of West Terre Haute in those days, the directory says: "It became a rendezvous for much of Terre Haute's undersirable population, and self-protection became necessary. A town marshal was

chosen. Quiet and respectability were restored."

It continues: "Terre Haute capitalists and West Terre Haute business men saw golden opportunities in the coal and clay fields about the place, and industries sprang up on all sides."

"Coal shafts sank to the rich veins beneath. Red hot kilns began to light the midnight skies in the vicinity of the shale pits."

"Huge steam shovels gathered the valuable gravel from the old river bed, and puffing locomotives crept to the very edge of town, and pulled away with ballast to be spread over miles and miles of railway."

The demise of the coal mines resulted in a sharp reduction in the population of West Terre Haute. In 1930, the number of residents had dropped to 3,588, but climbed slightly to 3,729, according to the 1940 census. In 1950, the population was 3,357.

The directory's historical

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In West Terre Haute are the one that houses the U. S. Post Office, and the one occupied by the West Terre Haute branch of the Terre Haute First National Bank.

The post office was opened last March 23 at 29 S. 3rd St. It was built at a cost of \$50,000 and is operated on a lease-rental basis. The single-story brick and masonry building is modern throughout, including gas air-conditioning and heating.

John H. Cusick, acting postmaster, says the new facilities are a far cry from the old post office at 617 National Ave. The West Terre Haute post office (Zip Code 47885) handles 45,000 pieces of outgoing mail daily, and processes about twice that number of incoming items.

There are 1,050 city patrons, Cusick reports, and 1,100 rural customers. Two city routes are maintained, along with four rural routes. The post office employs 16 persons, including Cusick.

#### Bank Opened

The branch bank was opened Nov. 28, 1966. The new brick structure is of Italian architecture, and is located at 301 National Ave., just north of the post office. The branch's former location was at 123 Paris Ave.

The first bank in the community was the State Bank of West Terre Haute, chartered in 1904. It merged with Terre Haute First National in 1960, and offices were maintained in the old location until the new full-service drive-in bank opened for business.

James E. Black is the branch

manager, while Miss Gerald L. Branham is an assistant vice president assigned to the branch. Ronald Reagan (not related to the California governor) is in charge of the installment loan department.

There are 14 employees at the branch, which boasts seven inside teller windows and two drive-in windows.

#### Levee Imperative

With the town progressing as it is, the necessity for getting the levee constructed becomes even more apparent. Gil Bedino, who operates funeral chapels in West Terre Haute and Terre Haute, is president of the levee association.

He remains optimistic that the federal government will eventually release funds already approved for construction of the levee. The town was granted \$332,000 for work this year, but last June local officials were informed by the

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers that the money was no longer available. The corps said the grant had been revoked about five years ago.

However, Bedino and other flood control sponsors were never informed of any such revocation. U. S. Sen. Birch E. Bayh (D-Ind.) and U. S. Rep John T. Myers (R-Ind.) are working to determine what the actual status of the project is.

Bedino says Bayh told him recently that he sees no reason why the House and Senate Appropriations committees did not permit the Corps of Engineers to transfer the funds from another account to the levee project.

"We're still hopeful and we're still praying that we're going to get it (the money)," Bedino says. He adds that cutbacks in the federal budget in connection with the 10 per cent surtax may be responsible for holding up the funds.

The Corps of Engineers has said that the money was not actually forthcoming at the time of the appropriation because of a right-of-way dispute with the Penn Central Railroad. The rubarb was not settled until this spring, thus clearing the way for construction to begin.

#### Cost of Levee

The estimated cost of the levee construction is pegged at \$819,000. Of that amount, \$705,000 would be from federal funds, and \$114,000 in local money. The project was authorized in a federal Flood Control Act of 1938.

The levee group has been working on the project since the disastrous flood of 1958. The dike would protect about 440 acres from the backwaters of Sugar Creek when the Wabash River goes on its periodic rampages of flooding.

Floods have weakened the old Sugar Creek levee, which afforded only limited protection when it was first built. It's felt that the new levee would soon pay for itself in the saving of homes and businesses from damaging floodwaters.

The flood of 1913 wrought havoc on West Terre Haute. Many homes were toppled and one death resulted, historical records indicate. The effects of the ravaging winds and rain did not wear off for a long period of time.

The community's service clubs, of which Scott has unlimited praise, are active in a variety of civic activities designed to upgrade West Terre Haute and bring favorable pub-

licity to the town.

#### Rotary Club Active

The principal project of the Rotary Club is its Clothe-A-Child drive each Christmas. Through the efforts of the organization's 26 members, many children of less fortunate families receive outfits of clothing at Santa Claus time.

The Jaycees, with 46 members, counted 30 projects last year. The club was formed 3½ years ago, and since then has been responsible for many civic projects, not the least of which was leading the drive to fill in the old "Y" dump at the east edge of West Terre Haute.

The Optimist Club, formed 2½ years ago, also sponsors a Clothe-A-Child campaign, and its members work hard to fulfill the club motto, "Friend of the Boy." The club was one of the organizers of a new town park being developed. There are 41 members in the club.

All three clubs co-operate to the fullest extent with the town board, says Scott. "We would not be able to get a great many things accomplished if it were not for the devotion to community service of Rotary, Jaycees and Optimists," he says.

#### Branch Library

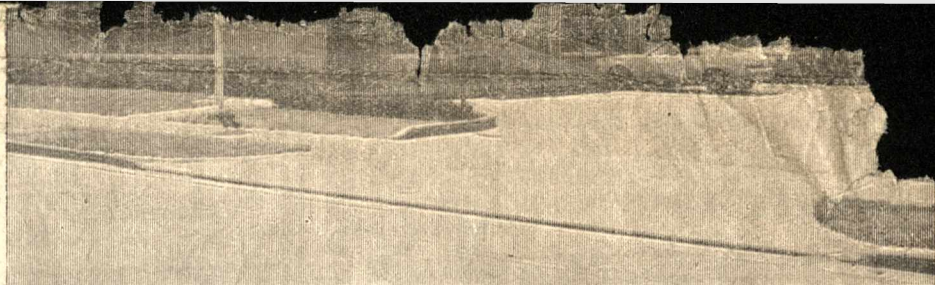
Another feature of West Terre Haute is a branch of the Vigo County Public Library. It offers residents a variety of materials, and is one of the primary assets of the community. (In fact, much of the historical material for this article was obtained at the library in West Terre Haute.) *T.H. Tribune Staff 7/24/68*

The administration of West Terre Haute comes under the jurisdiction of the town board. Other members, in addition to Scott, are Charles Cardinal and Dallas Day. The clerk-treasurer of West Terre Haute is James Mann.

The town's waterworks, a municipal operation, includes a 225,000-gallon storage tank adjacent to the building which houses the community's police and fire departments and the West Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Department. Chester Krischak is superintendent of the waterworks. Atty. C. Joseph Anderson is the town counsel.

The town fire department, headed by Chief Paul F. Murphy, has four firemen, plus the 13 waterworks employees, who are on call. The department has two pumper trucks for fighting blazes anywhere in the corporate limits of the town.

The volunteers, under Chief John Belskamper, were organ-



**WEST TERRE HAUTE POST OFFICE**—About 135,000 pieces of mail are handled daily at the new West Terre Post Office. The building was dedicated last spring. It was constructed at a cost of \$50,000, and is operated on a lease-rental basis. John H. Cusick is the postmaster. Photo by Martin.





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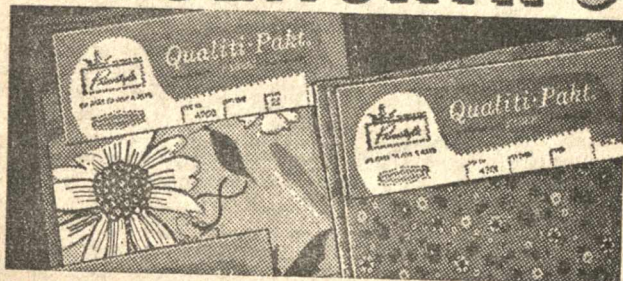
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# West

By DICK SUTLIFF

Tribune Staff Writer

McQuilkinsville, Mac'sville, Macksville, Maxville, West Terre Haute—

The name of the "town across the river" from Terre Haute isn't the only thing about West Terre Haute that has undergone dramatic changes since the birth of the community in the early years of the 19th Century.

West Terre Haute, now the hub of activity in Sugar Creek Township, once held promise of surpassing Terre Haute in its business and industrial development, but somehow, fate saw to it that such was not the case.

However, West Terre Haute residents are quick to point out features that many towns of its size, and some larger communities, would be pleased to count among their blessings.

The crime rate in West Terre Haute is relatively low. There are two fire departments in the community. A new post office and branch bank grace the downtown area. And the streets are comparatively free of automobile accidents.

## Pushing for Levee

The West Vigo Levee Association is still pushing for a new dike to protect the town from the ravages of Sugar Creek during periods of excessive rainfall. An extension of the community's storm sewer system also is in the works.

There's talk of a new elementary school to be built within the next few years, replacing the present North, South and Central elementary schools. The town has one community playground in operation, and another being developed.

John A. Scott, the energetic president of the town board of West Terre Haute, credits the community's three service clubs — Rotary, Jaycees and Optimists — with spreadheading projects for improving the town.

There are about 70 businesses in West Terre Haute. About a dozen churches are located either in or near the town. Scott says residents like to live in West Terre Haute because it has the charm of a small town, and yet all the advantages of living in a city.

Enrollment at the three public elementary schools for this school year is 640 students. The North School has 323 pupils, Central 174 and South 143. St. Leonard's Roman Catholic elementary school has 40 pupils.

Other elementary schools in the West Terre Haute area include Consolidated with an enrollment of 362 pupils, and the Dresser School with 83 pupils. Concannon Junior High School has 422 pupils, while West Vigo High School boasts an enrollment of 896 pupils.

## New Structures

Two of the newest structures

# Nearly 800 Dogs To Take Part In Show Today

Nearly 800 dogs are entered in the 32nd Fall All-Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trials scheduled today at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds south of Terre Haute.

The big show, sponsored by the Terre Haute chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, gets under way at 8 a.m. and continues for 13 hours.

A spokesman for the sponsor said there are 786 dogs and 799 entries in the show. The event is expected to draw dog enthusiasts from all over the

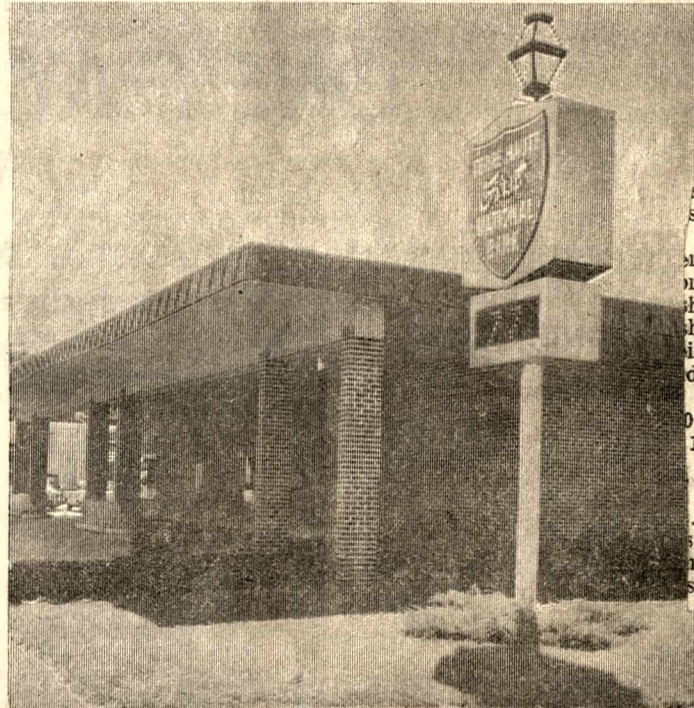
## RING NO. FOUR

Judge: Mrs. Mildred Heald.  
9 a.m. — 9 Boston Terriers 4-3-2, 9 Bulldogs 4-4-1, 4 Chow Chows 2-1-1, 3 Keeshonden 1-2-0.  
10 a.m. — 13 Lhasa Apsos 5-3-5, 9 Schipperkes 5-3-1.  
11 a.m. — 13 Toy Poodles 7-4-2, 11 Pugs 5-5-1.  
12 Noon — 13 Pomeranians 5-6-2, 7 Standard Poodles 4-2-1.  
1 p.m. — 15 Miniature Poodles 6-7-2.

## RING NO. FOUR

Judge: Mr. Chester F. Jurdine.  
2 p.m. — 26 Boxers 12-12-3.  
3:00 p.m. — Junior Showman-

WEST TERRE HAUTE BUSINESS DISTRICT—This is a view of 700 block in West Terre Haute. U. S. Highway 150, which winds community.



WEST TERRE HAUTE BRANCH BANK—One of the newest buildings in West Terre Haute is the full-service drive-in branch of the Terre Haute First National Bank. The bank and the post office in the rear handle most of the mail and financial matters of Sugar Creek Township residents.



# McLean Singers Hold Auditions

Auditions were held during the second week of school by Mrs. Mary Lynn Siefert, director of general music, for the McLean JHS Singers. This choral group performs at convocations during the school year, including a special Christmas program and the Spring Concert.

McLean Singers will also participate in the All County Junior High Choral Festival in March. Chosen for their ability in this

field are Steve Bartlett, Jim Brandon, Carlis Clark, Sandra Criss, Bev. Eddy, B.

Also, Katy Fread, Connie Foster, Graham, Al Grayless, Doug Guess, Debbie Hudson, Peggy Jennings, Paul Ladd, Debbie Lane, Dick L. coln, George Cindy Love, John C. Cargo, Patricia Mellon, J.



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# W. Terre Haute Has Colorful History

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account notes that much of the information was obtained from W. W. Harvey's article in the Vigo Democrat, one of the local newspapers.

## Land Deed In 1817

The land register at Vincennes contains an entry, dated April 8, 1817, showing the recording of a deed from the federal government to Philomer T. Dean for 160 acres of land on which West Terre Haute was to be settled.

By the early 1830's Samuel McQuilkin had come into possession of Dean's tract of land, and constructed a crude log building on National Avenue between 3rd and 4th streets. He operated a general store there, serving the needs of the budding town.

McQuilkin subsequently laid out the town around his store, and the village was named McQuilkinsville. Inevitably, folks shortened it to Mac'sville. Later the apostrophe was removed and a "k" added, making it Macksville, and finally the name was corrupted to Maxville.

Originally, all of Vigo County west of the Wabash was in Wabash Township, but the township was divided May 5, 1820, when the present boundary lines were established. The West Terre Haute Town Plat was recorded Nov. 23, 1836.

The development of the coal-laden bluff west of town began about 1890. Many leading citizens foresaw the boom in the near future, and thought it advisable to incorporate the town.

The matter was put to a public test, and two factions sprang up—one called the Citizens and favoring incorporation, the other called the Peoples party and opposed to it.

## Town Incorporated

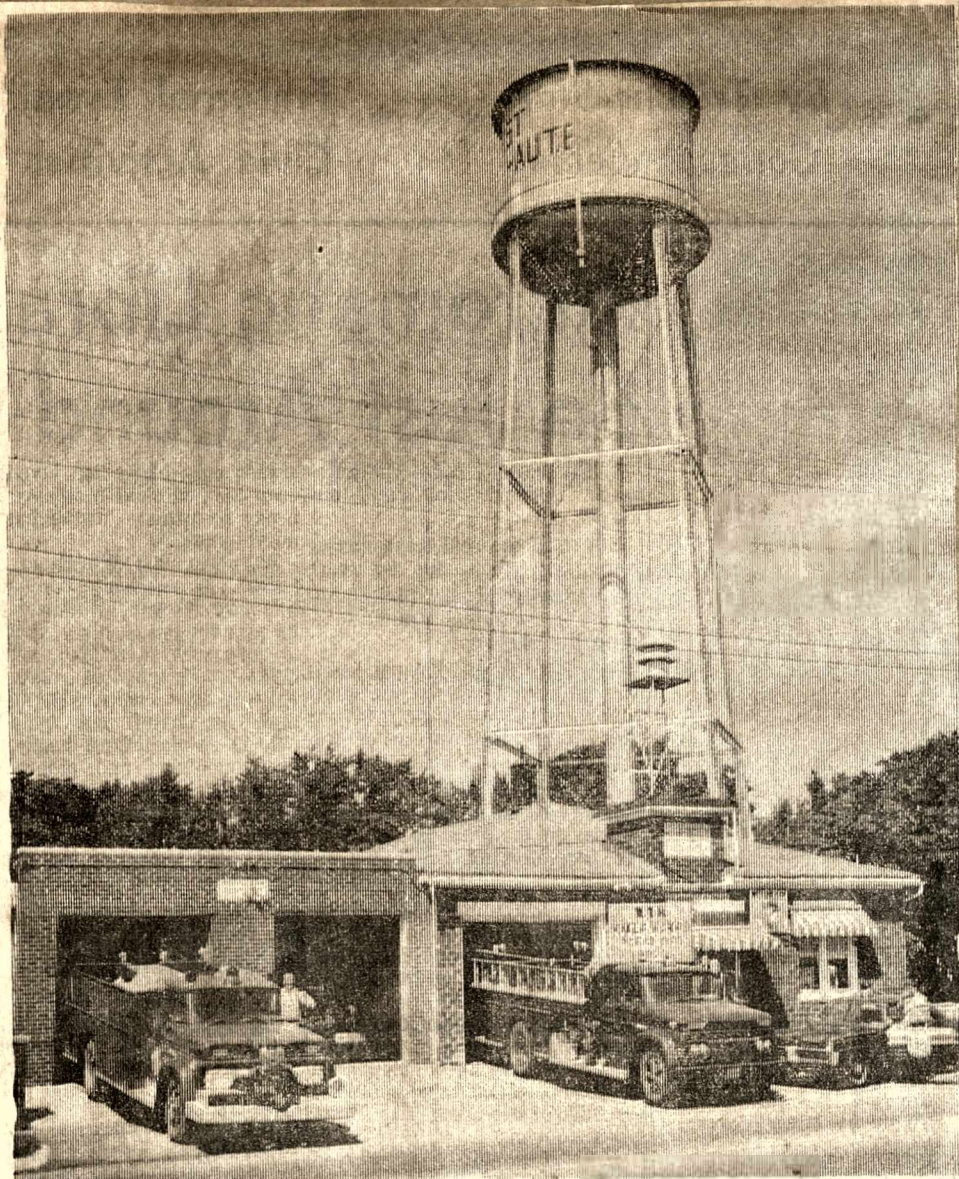
The 1906 directory tells it like this:

"A vote was taken Aug. 14, 1894. The vote was 60 to 40 in favor of 'The Citizens.' So the town was incorporated, and the name changed to West Terre Haute." Four years later, the post office was also changed to West Terre Haute.

Later that year, a town election was conducted. The Citizens' candidates, beat the Peoples' candidates, and the latter party ceased to exist. The newly-elected trustees met for the first time on Sept. 6, 1894.

Chester R. Church was the first town board president. The most important business conducted at the meeting was the appointment of a three-member school board, headed by F. Miller as president.

In 1872, Richard McIlroy (for whom McIlroy Avenue was



**WEST TERRE HAUTE TOWN HALL**—Chief of Police Timothy Hay checks out the radio in his squad car, while Paul F. Murphy (on fire truck at right), town fire chief, and William Kulinski, a member of the volunteer fire department, show off two of their trucks used on fire runs in West Terre Haute and Sugar Creek Township. Photo by Martin.

named) built the first brick building in West Terre Haute, post office was located at 225 Paris Ave., which was West Terre Haute's main street before the completion of the National Road (U. S. Highway 40).

In 1875, the first post office was established, with McIlroy as postmaster, a position he held for about 20 years. An early

A public ferry, later called Max's Ferry, opened in 1831 to carry folks between Terre Haute and West Terre Haute. Later, the Terre Haute street car system extended to West Terre Haute, and the community was also on the Paris inter-urban line, both of which ceased to exist prior to World War II. A wagon bridge preceded Wabash Avenue bridge to connect Terre Haute with its sister town.

Sugar Creek Township, named for Sugar Creek which got its name from the abundance of sugar maple trees along its banks, was a prime source of maple sugar as late as 1874.

Now, nearly 100 years later, the face of West Terre Haute has changed immeasurably, but the spirit of the pioneers lives on. One might reasonably presume that the day may come when West Terre Haute regains its industrial capacity, and joins Terre Haute in boosting the economic value of the Wabash Valley.



W.T. Haute  
**Court Upholds  
 WTH Trailer  
 Ordinance**

A 1953 West Terre Haute ordinance against unapproved trailer camps and mobile dwelling installations within the town limits was upheld in a judgment released Wednesday by Vigo Superior Court Judge Harold J. Bitzegaio.

The ruling came out of a suit for declaratory judgment or an ordinance filed by Attorney Jack Mankin for Doris Jasper West Terre Haute against John Scott, Dallas Day and Charles Cardinal as members of the town board.

The plaintiff, who originally sought an injunction against the board's enforcement of the 15-year-old ordinance, reportedly as stopped from completing the installation of several mobile home dwellings on her property. Both she and the defendant board were enjoined from further action while the case was under advisement. Attorney Joseph Anderson represented the board in hearings.

Judge Bitzegaio's ruling found that said Ordinance No. 8 was duly passed with other ordinances by the Board of Trustees of West Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 10th day of March, 1953 . . . (and) . . . further . . . on the 11th day of March, 1953, all of said ordinances were duly posted as required by law in each of the wards of the Town . . ."

The judgement also noted that the nature of publication could be either by posting in the town wards or by publication in a newspaper, concluding that the ordinance . . . is hereby declared to be in full force and effect since the date of its posting. Wit: March 11, 1953."

W.T. Haute  
**WTH Baptist  
 Church Ready  
 For Services**

First services in the new West Terre Haute Baptist Church will be held on Sunday at Fifth and Poplar Street in West Terre Haute. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the beautiful new sanctuary with morning services following at 11 a.m. Regular evening services for the young people will be held at 6:15 p.m. with the evening service at 7:30 p.m.

The new edifice replaces one built approximately fifty years ago and is of Early American design. Architects for the new building were Church Builders of America who used local contractors for the building.

The church is veneered in colonial brick with a traditional white spire and cupola. The front portico is supported by white columns and is at ground level, thus providing easy access to the sanctuary or auditorium. The sanctuary, which is finished in white, turquoise, and amber, has a present seating capacity of 260.

Sunday school classrooms and a large fellowship hall are located on the first floor with a rear entrance at near ground level. A front entrance to this area is also provided from the church foyer. Although the new building is bi-level, the sloping site provides easy access both front and back with a minimum number of steps.

Official dedication of the new church will be held in January. The Spiritual Life Committee, headed by Mr. Abel Archer, is presently planning special dedicatory services and has set January 17-19, 1969, as the tentative dedication dates. The Reverend Mr. James Dyet is pastor of the WTH church. Sunday school superintendent, as well as church choir director, is Wendell Clark. Other official members of the executive board include Harold Taylor, Harry Isaacs, Peter Stipanuk, Bennie Atto, Abel Archer, Charles Camp, David Tatem, and Logan Tatlock. Also Vern Watson, William Thorne, and William Carson. Mrs. Sandra Atto is church clerk, and church pianists are Mary Lou Archer and Janice Davis. Mr. Cecil Pennington has served as chairman of the building committee.



**OPENS DOORS SUNDAY**—The new West Terre Haute Baptist Church, situated at Fifth and Poplar streets, will open its doors for the first services Sunday morning. Designed by the Church Builders of America, the new edifice will replace one built nearly 50 years ago. The Rev. James Dyet is pastor of the church. Martin Photo.

W.T. Haute  
**Dedication Plans Complete  
 For WTH Baptist Church**

Dedication of the new First Baptist Church of West Terre Haute, Fifth and Poplar streets, will be this weekend, it was announced Thursday by the pastor, the Rev. James T. Dyet.

Special dedicatory services will start at 7:30 p.m. Friday and continue with special services at the same hour Saturday and Sunday. An open house is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Rev. Kenneth McQuere, executive director of the Alumni Association of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, will speak all three nights and at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday.

Featured soloists during the dedication will be Van Trapp, voice teacher at Moody Bible Institute, and Mrs. Thelma McQuere.

Two former pastors, the Revs. Wayne Buchanan and Albert Lucchi, will occupy the pulpit with the pastor and the guest speaker.

The church was constructed by Church Builders of America, an Indianapolis firm, with local sub-contractors and volunteer workers. It is of early American design and will seat 260 persons in the main auditorium. Classroom facilities and a fellowship hall are on the lower level.

Cecil Pennington is chairman of the building committee and Abel Archer is chairman of the board of deacons. Deacons and their wives will be hosts for the open house and conduct tours of the building. Among the many duties of the Rev. Mr. McQuere in working with Moody alumni throughout the world is conducting an Alumni Week each summer at the Winona Lake Bible Conference.

Trapp is a teacher in the music department at Moody Bible Institute and directs its men's glee club. He holds a master's degree in music from Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University.

Mrs. McQuere is a Moody graduate.



# West Vigo Jaycees Fine

By GARY SCHNEIDER

Tribune Staff Writer

The West Vigo Jaycees of West Terre Haute are a hard-working group of 57 men who strive to do everything possible to help the community of West Terre Haute.

Led by president Gene Hunter, the West Vigo Jaycees carry on numerous annual projects, as well as maintaining their status as a top Jaycee chapter.

Started four years ago as a project of the Jaycees of Terre Haute, the West Terre Haute chapter has continued to grow and undertake greater projects.

The chapter was chartered with 52 active members and Richard Wheatfill was elected first president.

During the formation of the club and the first year of its existence, Jon Cottrell of the Terre Haute chapter was a guiding force in its progress.

The first club project was to fill and level the West Terre Haute dump at the "Y" where U. S. 40 meets Paris Ave. on the eastern outskirts of the town.

With the help of area merchants and businessmen who donated equipment and labor, the difficult project was soon completed.

Although the property is still undeveloped at this time, it has become a prime area for business in West Terre Haute.

For their outstanding work on the dump, the club was awarded first place for community development at the Jaycees state convention in 1965.

Also in 1965, the Jaycees Wives' Club was formed in West Terre Haute. The wives' club has contributed to, and worked hard for, all of the West Vigo Jaycee projects.

The proceeds from many Jaycees Wives' projects have been donated directly to a program or project undertaken by the West Vigo Jaycees.

In addition, the wives take care of much of the red tape and details of the projects.

Under the leadership of presidents Bob McDonald, Donn Crockett and Gene Hunter, the club continued to undertake projects to aid the people of West Terre Haute.

One of the largest annual projects of the club is the Fun

Festival held at the Little League baseball park in West Terre Haute.

## Fun Festival Is Highlight

The Fun Festival provides games and amusements for the 500 or so persons who attend each year.

This year the club is planning to have rides at the August festival. Advance tickets for the Fun Festival are sold during the months of July and August to help pay the initial costs of setting up the grounds.

Contestants for the title of queen of the festival are given tickets, and the one selling the most is crowned queen.

Each girl selling 25 or more tickets receives a beautiful gift donated by a West Terre Haute merchant.

Without the support of the merchants in West Terre Haute, many of the club's projects could not take place.

The festival earns about \$600 per year for club activities.

The Jaycees also sponsor a team in Little League baseball. It buys equipment and necessities for the team and helps keep the playing field in shape.

The job of grooming the field is shared by all those interested in Little League baseball, but many members of the Jaycees pitch in when needed to keep the bleachers in good repair and keep the field ready for baseball.

At Christmas, the club selects two needy teenagers in West Terre Haute from West Vigo High School and buys them a wardrobe. The wardrobe is complete, "from the skin out, including the shoes," according to one member.

It is hoped that the number aided by this project can be increased each year until the club is clothing 50 children yearly.

Also at Christmas, the Jaycee Wives have a Christmas party for needy children. About 300 children attend each year, and each year they are selected

from a different school in West Terre Haute.

In addition, throughout the year, the women have given many food baskets to the needy.

Each Easter, the club joins with the West Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Department to sponsor an Easter egg hunt for West Terre Haute children.

When asked how many children attended last year, one member remarked, "Two or three hundred arrived, but when I was in the middle of them, it seemed like thousands!"

## Coffee Pots for Firemen

In one joint project, the women's group earned money to purchase a coffee pot for the volunteer fire department.

Not to be outdone, the men then purchased a 90-cup coffee pot and donated it to the firemen.

Now they have two, "one for everyday, and one for formal occasions," said one fireman.

The Jaycees raised an estimated \$1,700 this year to install central air conditioning in the West Terre Haute Library.

Those who have been to the library on warm days since the project was completed will appreciate the work of the Jaycees.

The largest single project the Jaycees have undertaken is the sponsorship of junior basketball in West Terre Haute.

Eight teams now take part in the program, which is sponsored by the West Vigo Jaycees and by West Terre Haute merchants and businesses who sponsor individual teams.

A total of 110 boys from the fifth and sixth grades take part in the basketball program and meet several nights a week at the North Elementary School gymnasium to play.

The club has to pay about \$15 per night for the use of the gymnasium which comes to a large donation before the season comes to a close.

This spring, the West Vigo

Jaycees cooperated with Jaycee chapters all over the state to sell containers of honey "Honey Sunday" to raise money for assisting the mentally retarded.

The project was termed completely successful in West Terre Haute and plans are already being formulated to raise even more money through the sale of honey next year.

The club is now working with the West Terre Haute Town Board and several other civic clubs on a proposed town park in that city.

Seven couples from the West Vigo Jaycees and the Jaycee Wives still will be attending the Jaycee state convention in Indianapolis. The couples will leave Terre Haute May 22 for the three-day convention.

Members are constantly learning how to better serve those in need in the community.

Through a program entitled "Leadership Training," many outstanding courses on how to help and how to communicate with others are offered to Jaycees.

Recently, a series of Dale Carnegie courses was given to members of the West Terre Haute club. They were entitled "Leadership in Action" courses and were well attended by the club members.





# Asset to West Terre Haute



## Jaycee Creed

All Jaycee members strive to live by the Jaycee Creed.

The Creed says:

We believe

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That government should be of laws rather than of men;

That Earth's great treasure lies in human personality,

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

Through the Jaycee Creed, members are constantly reminded of the duties of a true Jaycee.

Past officers of the West Vigo Jaycees are Gene Hunter, president; Bill Selvia, internal vice president; Bill Endress, external vice president; Dave Winters, secretary; Donn Crockett, treasurer, and Jim Phillips and Jim Doolittle, directors.

Selvia has just been elected a Region Five vice president.

New officers of the club, who will take office in June, are Bill Endress, president; Jim Phillips, internal vice president; Dave Johnston, external vice

president; Wess Drummond, secretary; Bob Horton, treasurer, and Jerry Aue and John Wiggins, directors.

Jaycees Wives' officials are Carol Kennedy, president; Diana Selvia, vice president; Helen Hunter, secretary; June Doolittle, treasurer; Liz Winters, publicity chairman, and Joan Endress, hostess chairman.

A hard working and dedicated group, the members of the West Vigo Jaycees are striving to make the club one of the outstanding Jaycee chapters in the state of Indiana.

## West Terre Haute WTH Seeking To Restore War Memorial

A drive is on in West Terre Haute to restore the War Memorial located next to the town fire station.

Members of American Legion Post 504 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6574 are working with the town board to put the building back in good condition and bring lists of veterans up to date.

According to Alexander Heller, the State of Indiana and the Department of the Army have been contacted for lists of Sugar Creek Township veterans of WW I, the Korean conflict and Vietnam. These lists will be placed in a permanent spot inside the building. A former list, now incomplete, will be removed.

A continually burning gas light has been placed in front of the memorial. Landscaping has been completed to make it more attractive, Heller said, and a flag pole erected.



# West Terre Haute Ground Broken For WTH Levee

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A U. S. Senator and two U. S. Representatives in Congress were on hand for what many believe was the greatest moment in the history of West Terre Haute, the groundbreaking ceremony for the long-awaited \$1.2 million West Terre Haute levee.

U. S. Sen. R. Vance Hartke, Congressman John Myers and Congressman Richard L. Roudebush participated in the ceremony at 5th and Olive Sts., in West Terre Haute.

The day's festivities included aerial bombs, a colorful parade

and a free lunch for dignitaries and other interested citizens.

Gil Bedino, president of the West Vigo Levee Association said, "this is the culmination of about ten years of hard work. We formed this West Vigo Levee Association in 1960 and have been working steadily since that time."

The levee project is somewhat unique in Indiana. Bedino pointed out that this is the first time in Indiana history that a levee association has taken on the task itself of asking for federal assistance. It is usually done by a city. But much of the West Terre Haute flood fighting extend beyond the boundaries of the town of West Terre Haute, necessitating the somewhat unique setup.

Gold-plated shovels were used for the groundbreaking ceremony, which was supervised by the West Vigo Levee Association

in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Army Corps of Engineers were represented by Col. John T. Rhett Jr., district engineer of the Louisville District.

Also participating in the ceremony was John Haley, president of Haley Brothers Construction Corp., which has the contract to construct the levee. The Haley firm submitted a low bid of \$544,092.30 for the work it will do on the levee. That bid was \$100,000 under the government's estimate, which was \$667,405.35.

Officers of the association are: Bedino, president; Kenneth G. Kibler, vice president; Leon Ratcliffe, secretary - treasurer; Philip Glick, a director, and Amos Waldon, a director. Bob McPeak serves as attorney for the association.

The project's estimated construction cost, according to the Army Corps of Engineers, totals \$1,200,000, including \$1,100,000 in federal funds and \$120,000 of local funds.

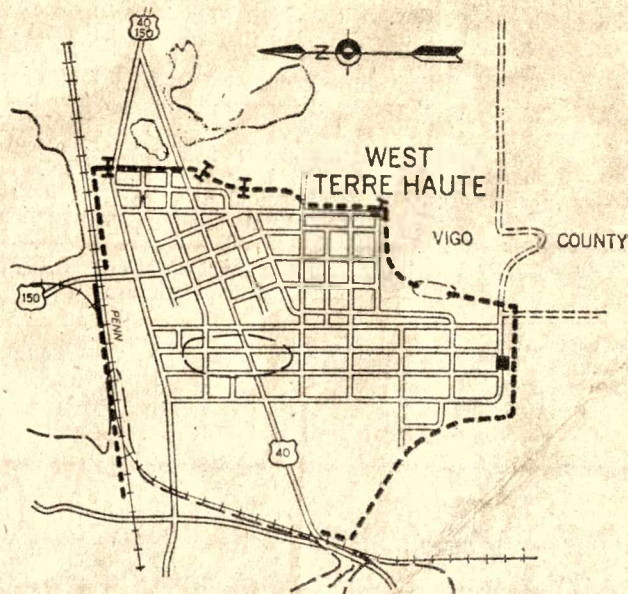
Bedino pointed out the local funds have been raised by a bond issue in the West Terre Haute area.

The area to be protected is on the right bank of the Wabash River, 212 to 214.6 miles above the mouth. The protected area contains about 440 acres. It will offer protection with three feet of freeboard to the town of West Terre Haute against a flood having a frequency of once each 100-year period.

The project will consist of 10,115 feet of earth levee, 845 feet of concrete wall, 2,045 feet of railroad fill slope blanket, 1,925 feet of raised street, one pumping plant and other necessary additions.

There will be a pumping station to pump surface water back over the levee.

West Terre Haute



## LEGEND

- Pump plant
- Drainage structure
- Levee

## PLAN

SCALE IN FEET  
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LOCAL PROTECTION PROJECT  
WEST TERRE  
HAUTE, IND.

WABASH RIVER  
LOUISVILLE, KY. DISTRICT  
SCALES AS SHOWN

**BREAK GROUND FOR WTH LEVEE**—Officials broke ground Saturday for the \$1.2 million West Terre Haute levee. This map shows where the levee, pump plant, and other facilities will be located when the project is completed in about 1½ years. The protected area contains about 440 acres in and around West Terre Haute. The project would consist of 10,115 feet of earth levee, 845 feet of concrete wall, 2,045 feet of railroad fill slope blanket, 1,925 feet of raised street, a pumping plant, and other necessary features.



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